

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-05

Introduced by Mayor Moyer
Aldерwoman Hoyle
Alderman Cohen

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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6/13/05			

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A RESOLUTION concerning

Recognition of the Archaeology in Annapolis Project and its Director, Professor Mark P. Leone

FOR the purpose of recognizing Professor Mark P. Leone, his leadership as Director of the Archaeology in Annapolis project, the contributions of the University of Maryland to the project, and the many archaeologists who have helped to make the Archaeology in Annapolis project successful.

WHEREAS, the University of Maryland, College Park, founded Archaeology in Annapolis in 1981, under the directorship of Professor Mark P. Leone in collaboration with the Historic Annapolis Foundation, supported by the City of Annapolis, and now in partnership with the Banneker-Douglass Museum,

WHEREAS, Archaeology in Annapolis is designed to use archaeology to uncover the day-to-day and cultural life of African Americans in Annapolis in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, and

WHEREAS, the work of Archaeology in Annapolis has been done in close collaboration with many members of the Annapolis African American community, and

WHEREAS, over 330 undergraduate archaeologists have been trained in Annapolis through the University of Maryland's field school since 1982, and

1 **WHEREAS,** eight Ph.D. dissertations have been written, and seven books have been
2 published as a result of the work of the members of Archaeology in
3 Annapolis, and
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5 **WHEREAS,** many of these books and accompanying scientific articles have altered the
6 public and professional perception of African American history in our City by
7 using the field of anthropology, and
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9 **WHEREAS,** these efforts of historical archaeology in Annapolis have provided a new way
10 of seeing that Annapolis has a dense, extensive, and often hidden African
11 American past in many of its great houses and elsewhere, and
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13 **WHEREAS,** these efforts have expanded the positive visibility of the City and its potential
14 as a destination place for heritage tourism, and
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16 **WHEREAS,** there is a strong desire to teach young African Americans the archaeology
17 that reveals their past, and the often secretly held history of Annapolis, and
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19 **WHEREAS,** the work has created hands-on destination experiences for young African
20 Americans and other students using the new perceptions of African American
21 life provided by anthropology, and
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23 **WHEREAS,** Mark Leone has achieved national and international recognition resulting
24 from his innovative anthropological work in African American Annapolis,
25 which in turn has expanded the positive visibility of Annapolis in the
26 international scholarly community.
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28 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the
29 City of Annapolis expresses its appreciation to the University of Maryland's President, to
30 the University's Department of Anthropology, to the many archaeologists who are or have
31 been a part of the Archaeology in Annapolis project, and especially to Project Director,
32 Professor Mark P. Leone.
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34 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
35 of Annapolis encourages the ongoing commitment of the University's archaeologists to
36 continue their work throughout the City of Annapolis.
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38 **ADOPTED** this 13h day of June, 2005.
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1 ATTEST:
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THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

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5 Deborah Heinbuch, MMC
6 City Clerk
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BY: _____
ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR